

What is claimed is:

1. A hitch mounting assembly for a vehicle having a receiver, comprising:

a frame supporting a working implement;

a hitch member pivotable about a pivot axis, said hitch member having an arc-shaped free end adapted to be received by said receiver; whereby said hitch member is shaped to align in and be received by said receiver; and

a locking mechanism for securing said hitch member in said receiver.

2. The hitch mounting assembly of claim 1, wherein said locking mechanism comprises at least one over-center latch for engaging said receiver.

3. The hitch mounting assembly of claim 2, further comprising a second over-center latch spaced laterally from the other.

4. The hitch mounting assembly of claim 1, wherein said receiver and said hitch member each comprise an aperture, and wherein said locking mechanism comprises a pin shaped to be received in each of said apertures when said apertures are aligned.

5. The hitch mounting assembly of claim 1, wherein said working implement is a snow plow blade.

6. The hitch mounting assembly of claim 1, wherein said vehicle is a UTV.

7. The hitch mounting assembly of claim 1, wherein said vehicle has a maximum horsepower capacity of about 35.

8. A method of attaching a hitch mounting assembly to a vehicle having a receiver, said hitch mounting assembly comprising a frame supporting a working implement, a hitch member pivotable about a pivot axis, said hitch member having a free end adapted to be received by said receiver, and at least one over-center latch for engaging said receiver, said method comprising:

driving said vehicle towards said free end of said hitch member of said hitch mounting assembly, causing said hitch member to be slidingly received by said receiver and said at least one latch to engage said receiver.